

December 2, 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL GROGAN:

SUBJECT: Clearance of Mr. Dulles' speech for
December 4, 1959

Except for the two points noted below, we consider the speech an excellent presentation in line with our foreign policy objectives:

On the last line of page 4, I would suggest the insertion of the words "in other fields" after the word "communism", to make clear that we are not using the term communism here in the ideological sense. In view of what has happened in Egypt, Iraq, Yemen and in the whole area of South and South-east Asia, since Hungary and Tibet, I think we must recognize that communism as an ideology has lost much of its appeal. However, it is true, as is developed on the following page, that the dangers emanating from the communist power center in Moscow and Peiping in the economic, political and psychological fields have assumed new significance in the light of the diminution of the military threat.

On page 6, the phrase in the third line from the bottom "against the initiation of war by either (side)" must be changed to drop the phrase "the initiation of", since it is contrary to the President's frequently announced policy that we do not initiate a war.

I would also suggest a little more detailed development of the thought contained in the first paragraph on page 24, which is somewhat cryptic in the way in which it follows on the preceding page.

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